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Applicants:

Walker et al.

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ENCOURAGING COMPETITIVE  
PARTICIPATION IN AN AUCTION

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) Group Art Unit: 2163

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) Examiner: A. Robinson Boyce

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) **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
to the Final Office Action

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 10, 2001, (Paper No. 14), entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks into the above identified application is respectfully requested.